



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Francois MALLET et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 09/680,946

Examiner: J. Fredman

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Docket No.: 028662.96

For: RNA AMPLIFICATION METHOD REQUIRING ONLY ONE MANIPULATION
STEP

SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We, Francois MALLET, Guy ORIOL and Bernard MANDRAND, hereby
declare that:

1. We are the same individuals that executed a substitute reissue
declaration relating to the above-identified patent application on March 13, 2001, as well as
an earlier reissue declaration relating to the above-identified patent application. The entire
contents of these reissue declarations are herein incorporated by reference.

2. As discussed in the prior reissue declarations, we consider U.S. Patent
No. 5,817,465 to be partly inoperative by reason of claiming more or less than we had a right
to claim.

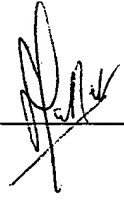
3. For example, it was an error to include language in claim 1 that could
be construed to limit the order of adding components. Claim 1, as amended in the
Supplemental Amendment filed January 13, 2004, corrects this error by deleting the term
"comprising" in step (a) of claim 1.

4. All errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

5. We have reviewed and understand the contents of this reissue declaration, and all statements made herein of our knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent reissued thereon.

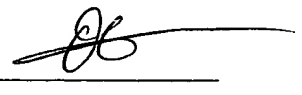
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